

ASSESSOR'S REPORT AUGUST 2013

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2013 Tax Billing – During August, I spent most of my time preparing for the annual commitment of taxes, both real and personal. The 2013 commitment date is August 20, 2013. The tax rate will remain at \$15.50 for the 6th year running! I handed over the final list to the tax collection office so that they could set up the parameters in the tax billing software, MUNIS. This is a process that imports my data from assessing so that they may create tax bills and accounts for collection. Totals must be reviewed and approved.

Once the tax collection office has approved the numbers, the new data is sent to an outsource company. Proof and totals are then reviewed again before the actual mailing. At the close of August, this portion was still in progress. Hopefully the bills will be in the mail the first week of September.

The four installments will be due October 11, 2013; December 13, 2013; March 14, 2014 and June 13, 2014. Interest will accrue at 7% as in past years, on any unpaid balance. The net amount of property tax to be raised is \$9,121,026.15.

MVR – the Municipal Valuation Return is an annual report submitted to the Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services. This report reflects the status of all property assessments as of April 1, 2013. It also includes the number of exemptions applied, the number of parcels and acres enrolled in farm land and tree growth. Here are the totals reported in Winslow:

Homestead exemptions	2,254	applicants
Veteran Exemptions	377	applicants
Blind Exemptions	8	applicants
Personal Property Exemptions	15	BETE qualified applicants
Farmland Applicants	50	parcels (2,985 acres enrolled)
Tree Growth Applicants	92	parcels (4,958 acres enrolled)

Municipal Property Exempt	\$32,376,000
Charitable Institutions Exempt	\$ 4,796,000
Veteran Organization Exempt	\$ 1,149,700
State of Maine Exempt	\$ 212,000
Church/Parsonage Exempt	\$ 2,104,000
Animal Waste Facility Exempt	\$ 178,400

Training – I attended 3 days of training at the annual Property Tax School – sessions included deed restrictions and rights of ways, BETE (Business Equipment Tax Exemption) and current Court decisions regarding the use of property owned by a charitable or literary institution.